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Expelled Reporter Tells Her Story

Poland and Solidarity, martial law, Western correspondents, the Pope's visit, Walesa, anti-Semitism, expulsion...

These were some of the subjects discussed by **Ruth Gruber**, UPI bureau chief expelled from Poland, in a recent appearance (Feb. 2) before an OPC audience in New York.

She gave these answers to questions:

Treatment during detention? She was held in isolation when not being interrogated. No brain-washing or physical torture. Just isolation.

The Polish government charges about UPI receiving photos of military objects? All trumped up; no substance.

Why expelled? Part of campaign to discredit Western journalists; it was warning to other correspondents not to have contact with dissidents.

Solidarity? It's dead in current form; it may reemerge in another form. Solidarity made a mistake in not consolidating its gains before moving ahead.

Polish people? 80-90 percent are opposed to the Communist regime.

Martial law in Poland? More benign than in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, East Germany.

Pope on his coming visit to Poland? Will go out of his way not to upset the delicate balance that now exists.

Walesa? He has no game plan; he's a card that a lot of people want to play, including himself.

Anti-Semitism? Have not seen it personally, but it existed within Solidarity and the Polish government.

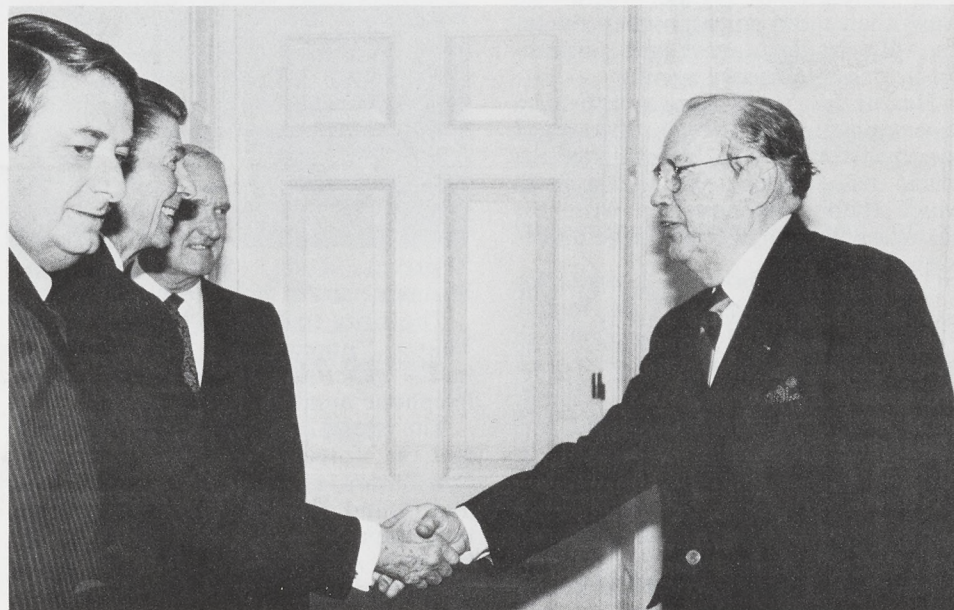
U.S. sanctions? People in Poland viewed them as romantic gesture in support of Solidarity.

Next assignment for Gruber? Vienna.

(A few days after Gruber spoke at the OPC, the Polish government announced that the UPI office was being closed in retaliation for the U.S. government closing the office of the Polish national news office in Washington.)

— Norman Schorr

Past OPC VP Greets Mr. Reagan



Past OPC Vice President Ansel E. ("Ed") Talbert is greeted at the White House by President Ronald Reagan on the occasion of the Harmon International Aviation Trophy awards given for "outstanding feats of individual piloting skill worthy of international recognition." Looking on are (foreground) Congressman Don Fuqua (D.-Fla.) who is chairman of the House of Representatives' Committee on Science and Technology and Congressman Larry Winn (R.-Kan.), ranking minority member.

President Ronald Reagan got a hand from past OPC Vice President **Ansel E. ("Ed") Talbert** at the recent Harmon International Aviation Trophy ceremony in the White House. As Chairman of the Harmon Trustees, Talbert read the citations and the President presented the scrolls, chatting briefly with each winner. The world-famous awards, given for "outstanding feats of individual piloting skill worthy of international recognition," always are presented by the President or the Vice President.

The latest Harmon recipients include Jerry Foster of Phoenix, Arizona, the first working newsman ever to get one. Foster, a flying/photographer for KPNX Broadcasting Company (TV 12) performed a remarkable series of life-saving rescues while piloting his Hughes Jet Helicopter solo. Other winners: Aviatix Janice Brown, who has been piloting the world's first successful solar-powered aircraft "Solar Challenger" to altitudes of more than 7,000 feet and distances of better than

25 miles, and the four Astronauts responsible for the first two flights of the Columbia Space Shuttle. They are John W. Young, a civilian; Captain Robert L. Crippen of the U.S. Navy; Colonel Joe Engle of the U.S. Air Force and Captain Richard H. Truly of the Navy.

President Reagan added two special awards of his own: a bag of jelly beans and a gold tie clasp bearing the

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SPECIAL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

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Jakarta Journalism Revisited

By Howard L. Kany

The Jakarta journalistic beat was vividly portrayed, circa 1965, for OPC members recently, thanks to M-G-M's invitational screenings of the Australian film, "The Year of Living Dangerously."

The movie centers on uprisings toward the end of Indonesian President Sukarno's regime, with an Australian radio correspondent pursuing both the day's news and a beautiful British intelligence agent.

Having just spent three months of a communications project in Jakarta, I can report that today's news scene is placid by contrast. But the style in which Indonesian newsmen write for Jakarta's two English language dailies is quaint.

A front page headline in the *Indonesian Observer* recently read: "One-Party System Impossible." The story quoted Minister of Home Affairs Amirmachmud as saying: "With two political parties and one functional group as it is today, it is already good." He was reported as stressing the need of "all social-political forces to follow only one basis of the Pancasila (the national creed) by discarding their characteristic principles."

One characteristic of Indonesian news headlines seems to be their complexity. How, for example, would one interpret this one in the *Indonesia Times*? "Intellectuals urged to rectify concept distortion." The lead paragraph only muddled the matter: "Social and humanity scientists have urgently called on the intellectuals to rectify the prevailing concept distortion aimed at reinstatement of concept as crystally clear as possible."

But in the eighth paragraph came a glimmer: "The press prefers using the words price adjustment to price increase." Dr. (Mrs.) Tuti H. Nurhadi, rapporteur of a panel discussion, was quoted as commenting that "language users should be courageous enough to face the reality regardless of the bitter consequences."

From the *Observer's* society page:

"Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Diah, owners of this paper, actually do not need any publicity anymore for themselves. But the fact that they threw a big informal Halal bu Halal party last Tuesday evening, attended by anybody who is anybody, deserves some mention on this page. It was a successful party."

The same newspaper commented editorially on another party, given by the West German Ambassador and

Mrs. Almuth Hallier:

"Food and drinks were served without limitation, and the table arrangement was done on an unorthodox sweepstake system, resulting in tables being occupied in an unbalanced way: one lady guest surrounded by men or the reverse."

An old Indonesian custom was explained in a photo caption of the *Times*:

"The happy day for the couple of Eddy Sud and Itje Trisnawati was marked with a light ceremony. Eddy Sud, a singer and a clown, was reported to have asked his first wife permission before marrying Miss Trisnawati, his second wife. Eddy Sud, 45, has five children."

A bold-face *Times* headline read: "Foreign Lady Needs Generous Businessman."

The story told of a classified ad in Tokyo: "Foreign lady would like to meet generous businessman." A telephone number was given.

The story continued: "A reporter met the 'foreign lady' at the Almond Tea Parlor, entered a hotel with her, and found that 'she was nearer 40 than the age of 28 given over the telephone.' A fee of 50,000 yen was asked and paid. Upon coming out of the hotel, the 'foreign lady' asked for another 1,000 yen because 'I can't pay the taxi with 10,000 yen.'"

Jakarta newspaper advertising is dramatic, too. Hotel Krakatau, near where the famous volcano erupted in 1883, killing more than 36,000 persons, advertises thus: "The place where you can get away from it all. Ask for weekend special. Let's erupt together!"

Something apparently erupted one hot night in the *Observer's* composing room. A startling new masthead appeared the next morning — different size, different type face. The following day, the usual masthead was back, along with a page one explanation:

"Notice. Due to technical error, we regret to announce that yesterday's masthead was unintentionally changed into another with different dimension and arrangement. This is to confirm that the *Indonesian Observer's* masthead remains as it was born with, viz as it has appeared on the front page for the last 27 years of its existence. The publisher."

— Howard Kany

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

Bankers Examine Wall St.'s Future

Few bankers agree on the future look of banking, but there does seem to be consensus in a desire for equal regulation.

Before a standing-room-only audience in the President's Room of The Club, Cable News Network's financial editor Myron "Mike" Kandel moderated a discussion regarding the future look on Wall Street. Arranged by **George Bookman**, the panel consisted of Robert "Stretch" Gardiner, chairman and chief executive officer of Sear's Dean Witter Reynolds and A. Robert Towbin, administrative partner of L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin.

Setting the stage for his two principal speakers, Kandel stressed that Wall Street is changing with the growth of financial supermarkets and an influx of money from abroad. British interests just purchased a 25 percent position in Mr. Towbin's firm which traces its history back to the 1890's.

Mr. Gardiner wryly recalled "laughter when Sears bought Dean Witter Reynolds. But they are not laughing any more." Citing statistics and telling anecdotes about buying "stocks with your socks, and a blouse with your house," Mr. Gardiner stated that "all inclusive financial accounts is where it's at."

Not wholly in disagreement, Mr. Towbin said that foreign capital must come to the United States to establish a capital market. He said that Europe is "100 years behind the United States in the formation of new money." He said that it was the objective of his company "to lend support to the financial services industry through individual and personalized service."

During the Q&A, many questions related to the future of the stock market. All three participants were in firm agreement: "Things will improve. The market is way ahead of the legislature."

— Charles Schreiber

Gloria Zukerman and **George Krinsky**, OPC program committee co-chairs, are asking for volunteers to serve on the committee to get speakers and structure the programs. It's one of the club's most essential committees. Get involved! If interested, please apply to Gloria and George through the OPC office — 679-9650.

Eubie Blake -- 1883-1983



Shown left to right: Jo Jones, drummer; Tyree Glenn, trombone; Maxine Sullivan, singer and honorary co-president of the Jazz Club; pianists Billy Taylor and Bill Bolcom, and, of course, the one and only, Eubie Blake.

The death of Eubie Blake, America's beloved ragtime pianist who celebrated his 100th birthday February 7 and died five days later, was mourned worldwide. He was unique not only for his musicianship but his incomparable wisdom and wit.

One of the most memorable evenings in the Club's history was given in honor of Eubie's 89th birthday and drew an overwhelming audience of members and foremost musicians. It goes without saying, Eubie wowed one and all.

Former member Henry Senber captured this delightful picture. Indeed, it is one of a fabulous collection he made of the event which was widely covered by the press, radio and television. It is hoped Senber's coverage along with **Helen Mandel's** photos taken here and abroad will be exhibited in the Club to pay tribute to the unforgettable Eubie Blake who entertained frequently and spread his joy and love among us all.

Wilma Dobie, jazz chairman

OPC'er **Bob Poos** is back in Boulder, where he is executive editor of *Soldier of Fortune* Magazine, after a visit to Peru, where he journeyed from the Amazon to the Andes. He went to Ayacucho in the Andes, a city of 50,000, to do a story on the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), a Maoist-oriented communist revolutionary movement. The terrorists burned a huge hammer and sickle on a nearby mountainside and exploded some bombs in town to celebrate the birthday of their leader, Abimail Guzman. "It was," he writes, "an eventful trip."

Jailing of Reporter Stirs OPC Protest

News of a Philippine reporter being jailed in Manila brought immediate action at the Club. OPC President **Anita Diamant** fired off a telegram of protest to President Marcos and OPC Foundation President **Henry Gellermann** sent a \$500 check to the Manila Press Club to help defray legal expenses incurred in his defense.

"We cannot stand by idly," Gellermann said. "It is time for the Club to act with determination and to lend support." Gellermann said that at the OPC Foundation's regular meeting on December 29 the Trustees and officers unanimously approved the following procedure when notice of serious curbs of freedom of the press are brought to its attention:

1. - Telegraph an official protest from the OPC
2. - Publicise the note of protest.
3. - OPC Foundation to send a \$500 grant or other appropriate amount to the local press club "to

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help defray legal defense costs or other legitimate expenditures that might be incurred."

Gellermann reported to the Trustees that the Foundation assets now totalled \$8360. He said that contributions had been received from the President of the OPC and Rufus Goodwin and that he had had a fund raising meeting with the Bache Foundation. Trustee **Ben Greenwald** reported on a survey he had conducted of the newspaper scholarship situation and recommended that any immediate action be postponed until the Foundation could do something "meaningful."

Trustee **Paul Freedman** suggested we canvass United Nations delegations for contributions. Mr. Gellermann said he would explore that avenue of fund raising "... so that we might expand our activity."

Although I was surprised to be the winner of the weekend prize of a weekend at the Halloran House in New York, I was doubly surprised by the fine hotel facilities. I enjoyed very much my weekend at the Halloran House. It was very kind of the hotel to offer so fine a prize to the OPC.

— **Edward H. Silk**

New Members

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Who, What, Where

By Rosalind Massow

TEACHING THE PROFESSIONALS . . . Marty Gershen, now with Dr. Edward L. Bernays and the communications staff of the Professional Development Institute, will be teaching an intensified writing course to corporate and government public relations professionals.

DISTINGUISHED SON . . . Yet another honor for **Col. Barney Oldfield**. The Nebraskaland Foundation has just staged a gala dinner in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Lincoln to name its native son Distinguished Nebraskander of the Year. It's the Foundation's way of thanking Oldfield for all the nice things he's done for Nebraska.

HOME BOUND . . . Former *World Telegram* columnist Charles Sievert suffered a minor stroke six months ago and while recovered, hasn't been able to get around much anymore. He would love to hear from old friends. He lives at 28 Stuart St., Waldwick, N.J., 07463 and his phone is (201) 444-0280.

FLYING HIGH ON WINE . . . **Robert Jay Misch**, an internationally-known wine expert, columnist, author, lecturer, etc. etc., has been tapped by Pan American World Airways for an innovative program — wine tasting aboard a Pan Am jet. Misch gave his first wine tasting to first class passengers aboard the New York-bound Pan Am jet from Paris. When he's not lecturing aloft, Misch can be found giving classes on wines at the West Side YMCA. On the book front, Doubleday will publish his latest this summer — an updated and expanded William Gavin Duffy's *Official Mixer's Manual*.

SELLING IT TO THE JUDGES . . . For the past nine years ex-OPC president **Barrett McGurn** was information officer for the Supreme Court of the U.S. Now that he's retired he's on the lecture circuit explaining public relations to the nation's judiciary. Recently he lectured to 150 state court judges at the National Judicial College in Reno, and this past month gave the same lecture to newly-appointed Federal Appeals Court Judges in Washington.

NOW ON THE TUBE . . . **Pat Doyle**, veteran police reporter, will be adding his expertise to the NBC TV news department. The former *Daily News* reporter will be on Channel 4, checking, generating and following up police stories.

COLUMN NOW SYNDICATED . . . **Johannes Steel**, a founder of the OPC and a survivor of a generation of radio commentators which featured such illustrious names as Ed Murrow, Elmer Davis and H.V. Kaltenborn, is being introduced to a new generation of readers. His column on national and international economic affairs has been picked up for syndication by the McNaught Syndicate. His by-line is now carried by the *Waterbury Republican*, the *Las Vegas Sun*, the *Oklahoma City Times*, the *Madison Capital Times*, etc. He's still broadcasting in the Waterbury, Conn. area over station WATH-AM.

PROMOTED . . . **Evelyn Leopold**, general news editor of Reuters North America, has been appointed associate editor for editorial services worldwide. It's a new job that's been created for her and it means she'll be traveling extensively for the news agency . . . Recognition for a job well done means a new title for **Miriam Goldfine**, director of marketing services for Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby. Miriam has been named a vice president of the international management consulting firm. It has offices in 33 cities throughout the world.

A longtime member, **Hugh Gile Swofford**, wrote me to chide me for being quoted as saying "I started Book Nights."

Hugh, it seems, put on two nights in 1955 — the John F. Kennedy night did not take place until 1956 . . .

MEA CULPA!

— Anita Diamant

Lou Garcia, long-time member of OPC and president of Lou Garcia & Associates, has been named to head a

newly formed travel committee that will organize trips and tours for club members and their spouses. Serving with him on the committee will be **Jean Baer**, **Robert Jay Misch**, and **Dave Anderson**.

Garcia, who organized the first OPC tour which went to South America in 1956, and has been in news, travel and transportation for more than 30 years, is already busy at work with his committee on several possible trips later this year.

The controversy about the future of the United Nations, which was ignited by the blunt annual report of its Secretary General, is the subject of *Dateline '83*, the 26th edition of the annual publication of the Overseas Press Club.

Correspondents, United Nations delegates and other experts on international affairs appraise the international organization established after World War II "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

The alternatives of survival of the United Nations or surrender of its principles were considered by the contributors to *Dateline* as they appraised what the Secretary General called the organization's "exceedingly dangerous course," which "must be reversed before once again we bring upon ourselves a global catastrophe."

HARMON TROPHY (Cont'd from page 1)

Presidential Seal. The Harmon Awards are named for Colonel Clifford B. Harmon, a Wright Brothers era pilot and balloonist who was the first person to fly solo and nonstop across Long Island Sound. Harmon, New York is named for him.

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